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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: NOON NOTES

ECEVIT ASKED AGAIN TO FORM TURKISH GOVERNMENT: TURKISH PRESIDENT KORUTURK HAS AGAIN ASKED FORMER PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT TO TRY TO FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT. IN A SPEECH ON THURSDAY, KORUTURK OUTLINED HIS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN A GOVERNMENT OF "NATIONAL UNIT" AND TOUCHED ON OTHER PROBLEM AREAS, INCLUDING THE THREATENED U.S. MILITARY AID CUTOFF. THE PRESIDENT SAID U.S. AID TO TURKEY WAS NOT CHARITY BUT AN EXAMPLE OF MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AND MUTUAL BENEFITS. KORUTURK ECHOED OTHER TURKISH LEADERS WHO HAVE CLAIMED THAT CUTTING OFF AID WOULD NOT AFFECT TURKEY'S POLICY IN CYPRUS OR ELSEWHERE, AND SAID TURKEY WOULD STAY IN NATO. DISCUSSING EFFORTS TO FORM A GOVERNMENT, PRESIDENT KORUTURK RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A SYSTEM THAT MIGHT AVOID THE PERIODIC POLITICAL TENSIONS THAT HAVE FACED TURKEY IN RECENT YEARS. OTHER POLITICAL LEADERS, INCLUDING SULEYMAN DEMIREL OF THE JUSTICE PARTY, ARE ALSO SUGGESTING THAT ANOTHER LOOK BE TAKEN AT TURKEY'S PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION SYSTEM, WHICH SEEMS TO PRODUCE WEAK GOVERNMENTS. ECEVIT MAY TRY ONCE MORE TO ARRANGE A COALITION WITH THE SMALL RIGHT-OF-CENTER DEMOCRATIC PARTY, BUT A FACTION IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY REMAINS DEAD SET AGAINST SUCH A COALITION. A MINORITY GOVERNMENT CONSISTING ONLY OF ECEVIT'S REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY SEEMS THE MOST LIKELY RESULT. THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER MIGHT GET THE SUPPORT OF THE JUSTICE PARTY IN PARLIAMENT IF HE AGREED TO JOIN DEMIREL IN AN EFFORT TO ABANDON THE PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION SYSTEM. ECEVIT AND DEMIREL, LEADERS OF THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES IN TURKEY, WOULD STAND TO BENEFIT MOST FROM ABOLISHING THE PRESENT SYSTEM. WHICH CONTRIBUTES TO THE PROLIFERA

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MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE GIEREK VISIT IS GIVING THE POLISH A COMPREHENSIVE AND FAVORABLE VIEW OF THE U.S. THAT MAY BE UNPRECEDENTED FOR THIS OR ANY PERIOD IN U.S.-POLISH RELATIONS. THE U.S. EMBASSY IN WARSAW REPORTS THAT OVER THE PAST WEEK THE VISIT HAS DOMINATED BOTH THE CENTRAL PRESS AND PROVINCIAL PAPERS, WHERE COVERAGE OF THE U.S. IS USUALLY SPARSE. EVEN THE MILITARY DAILY, WHICH IS NOTED FOR ITS STRIDENT IDEOLOGICAL CONTENT, HAS DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE SPACE TO THE VISIT.

IN ANOTHER BREAK WITH PRECEDENT, POLISH MEDIA HAVE PROVIDED GOOD COVERAGE ON MRS. GIEREK'S ACTIVITIES ON THE TRIP. THE EMBASSY SAYS POLES AT ALL LEVELS ARE EXPRESSING EXCITEMENT, PRIDE, AND PLEASURE AT THE "DRAMA" OF THE VISIT. ONE SOURCE ASSERTED THAT A TV DOCUMENTARY, "AMERICA CLOSE UP" WAS REGARDED AS SO FAVORABLE THAT CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO TONING IT DOWN DRASTICALLY. EDITORIALS AND COMMENTARY CONTINUE TO PLAY UP THE BILATERAL ASPECTS OF GIEREK'S VISIT. THEY PARTICULARLY EMPHASIZE THAT POLAND IS EMERGING AS A VALUED ECONOMIC "PARTNER" AND THAT WARSAW HAS AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE IN DETENTE.

KURDS SUFFER SERIOUS DEFEAT: THE KURDS HAVE SUFFERED THEIR MOST SERIOUS DEFEAT SINCE THE FIGHTING BEGAN IN MARCH, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF HEAVY FIGHTING, THE IRAQI ARMY HAS SUCCEEDED IN TAKING THE CREST OF A STRATEGIC MOUNTAIN OVERLOOKING A KURDISH SUPPLY ROUTE.

[REDACTED] THE KURDS HAD MORE THAN 200 CASUALTIES AND HAVE EXHAUSTED SOME TYPES OF AMMUNITION. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF THE NUMBER OF IRAQI CASUALTIES, BUT THEY PROBABLY WERE HIGH. THIS IS THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL MAJOR MILITARY OPERATION BAGHDAD'S FORCES HAVE MOUNTED SINCE MID-AUGUST. THE IRAQIS NOW CONTROL A PORTION OF THE HEIGHTS OVERLOOKING THE ROAD TO THE KURDISH HEADQUARTERS AT AL-HAJJ UMRAH. THE VICTORY MAY BE SHORT-LIVED, HOWEVER, IF RECENT REPORTS OF RISING DISCONTENT WITHIN THE ARMY PROVE TRUE. BAGHDAD'S TROOPS REPORTEDLY ARE DEMORALIZED AS A RESULT OF THE HIGH CASUALTY RATE AND THE UNSATISFACTORY WAY THE WAR HAS BEEN CONDUCTED.

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EL SALVADOR RECEIVES ISRAELI JETS: TEN OURAGAN JET FIGHTERS WITH ACCOMPANYING ARMAMENT HAVE ARRIVED FROM ISRAEL AND SHOULD BE OPERATIONAL WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. THEY REPRESENT THE FIRST INCREMENT IN A TOTAL PACKAGE OF 18 OURAGAN CONTRACTED FOR IN MID-1973. THREE MAGISTER JET TRAINERS, DELIVERED IN FEBRUARY AND NOW OPERATIONAL, AND TWO ARAVA STOL TURBOPROP TRANSPORTS THAT ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE BY MID-1975 WERE ALSO PURCHASED AT THE SAME TIME. THE REMAINING EIGHT OURAGANS WILL LIKELY BE SHIPPED LATER THIS YEAR.

A 10-MAN ISRAELI PILOT AND TECHNICAL TEAM IS ASSISTING SALVADORAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL IN THE ASSEMBLY AND FLIGHT TESTING OF THE JETS. ADDITIONALLY, 16 SALVADORAN MECHANICS HAVE COMPLETED TRAINING IN ISRAEL, AND FIVE PILOTS AND FIVE MECHANICS ARE PRESENTLY THERE FOR INSTRUCTION. THESE ACQUISITIONS FROM

ISRAEL GIVE THE SALVADORAN AIR FORCE THEIR FIRST JETS. THE RECEIPT OF THESE AIRCRAFT WILL SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE MORALE AND EASE CONCERN OVER HONDURAN AIR FORCE CAPABILITIES.

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